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Applicant : Vadiraja Murthy and Edward R. Burns
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 28, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action of March 28, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was due June 28, 2001. Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the one month extension of time fee for a small entity. Accordingly, a response to the Office Action is now due on July 28, 2001 and this Reply is timely filed.

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REMARKS

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olsson et al. In arguments supporting this rejection made in the Office Action of August 19, 1998, it is asserted that Olsson found that (i) adenylate kinase was concomitantly